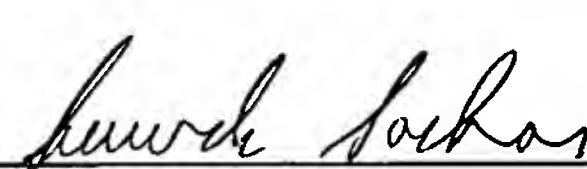


FORM PTO-1390 (Modified) U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 294552US6X PCT U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/589989</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP05/01222	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE February 4, 2005	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED February 23, 2004
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b> <b>METHOD FOR TRIGGERING AND CONTROLLING THE LATERAL BUCKLING IN UNDERWATER PIPELINES</b>		
<b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US</b> <b>Paolo MONTI, et al.</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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The following fees are submitted:			CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
24. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee..... \$300			\$300.00	
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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Paolo MONTI, et al.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required

Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.

Additional documents filed herewith: Credit Card Payment Form for \$1,030.00/PCT Transmittal Letter/Application Data Sheet/Notice of Priority/Preliminary Amendment/PCT/IB/304/PCT/IB/308/International Preliminary Examination Report/International Search Report/Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449/Cited Reference (1)

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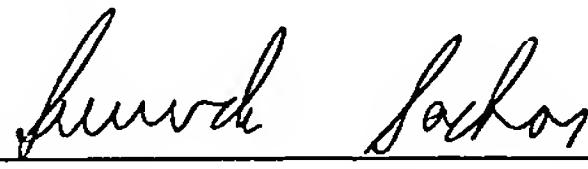
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